Aging Division Wyoming Department of Health Information and Education Bulletin

Subject: Department of Health: Tax Refund Deadline Approaching

The Wyoming Department of Health is reminding elderly and disabled Wyoming residents who may be eligible to receive state tax refunds to submit applications before the end of August.

"Many older and disabled Wyoming residents could use a little extra financial help as everyday bills and expenses can add up throughout the year," said Donna DiNino, program manger for the Elderly and Disabled Tax Refund Program.

The Tax Refund for Elderly and Disabled Program provides an allowance to help cover sales and use taxes, property taxes and utility and energy costs paid by qualified state residents in 2008.

Refund amounts are based on actual income with the maximum benefit set at up to \$800 for a qualified single person and \$900 for qualified married couples.

To be eligible, applicants must be age 65 or over, or be totally (100 percent) disabled and age 18 or over with a 2008 income of less than \$17,500 for single persons or \$28,500 for married persons.

New applications are needed each year for the program. Applications must be postmarked by August 31. Eligibility is determined by the Wyoming Department of Health and checks are mailed beginning in mid December.

Local senior centers have applications and details about the refund. More information is also available from the Wyoming Department of Health online at www.health.wyo.gov or by calling 1-866-989-8901.

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